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SUBJECT: UGANDAN REFUGEES

REF: (A) NAIROBI A-012, (B) NAIROBI 3208, (C) NAIROBI 3976

1. UNHCR REP KADRY TELEPHONED EMBOFF APRIL 1 TO REFUTE
PRESS REPORT THAT APPEARED IN MARCH 30 NAIROBI STANDARD
IN WHICH HE WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT REFUGEES IN KENYA MUST
BE SELF-RELIANT AS THEY CAN EXPECT "NO MANNA FROM HEAVEN"
TO ALLEVIATE THEIR PLIGHT. HE WAS EXTREMELY AGITATED OVER
BEING MISQUOTED, ADAMANTLY DENYING EVER SAYING THE WORDS
"MANNA FROM HEAVEN". HE CLAIMS NOT TO HAVE SAID THAT
REFUGEES MUST BE SELF-RELIANT, BUT THAT THEY MUST SHOW
SOME SELF-MOTIVATION AND INITIATIVE IF KENYA'S REFUGEE
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ORGANIZATIONS ARE TO BE ABLE TO HELP THEM. AFTER SEVERAL
CONTACTS WITH KADRY DURING PAST FOUR MONTHS, DURING
WHICH TIME HE HAS REPEATEDLY VOICED CONCERN FOR THE REFUGEES'
CONDITION IN KENYA, EMBOFF DOUBTS KADRY WOULD MAKE
COMMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO HIM.

2. THE STANDARD WAS PERHAPS REPORTING WHAT IT

WANTED TO HEAR. STANDARD EDITORIAL APRIL 1
"WHOLEHEARTEDLY" SUPPORTS KADRY'S REPORTED VIEWS,
ADDING THAT KENYA HASN'T ENOUGH LAND OR EMPLOYMENT
FACILITIES FOR EVEN HER OWN NATIONALS. "REFUGEES
SHOULD LEARN NOT TO LOOK UPON THE COUNTRIES OF THEIR
ASYLUM AS SOURCES OF LIMITLESS CHARITY OR AS PLACES
WHERE THEY CAN LEAD A LIFE OF LUXURY," IT ADVISED,
"BUT RATHER AS A TEMPORARY EXILE PENDING THEIR
EVENTUAL RETURN HOME WHEN THINGS CHANGE FOR THE BETTER."

3. COMMENT: THE UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM IN KENYA IS
SEVERE. SOME KENYANS FEAR THAT THIS LATEST INFLUX
OF UGANDAN REFUGEES, WHO ARE PRIMARILY WELL-EDUCATED
AND PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE (SEE REF B), WILL ADVERSELY
AFFECT EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS FOR KENYANS. SO FAR,
HOWEVER, NO OVERT MANIFESTATIONS OF GOVERNMENT OR
PRIVATE "REFUGEE GO HOME" FEELINGS HAVE BEEN EVIDENCED.
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